

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Restriction Requirement

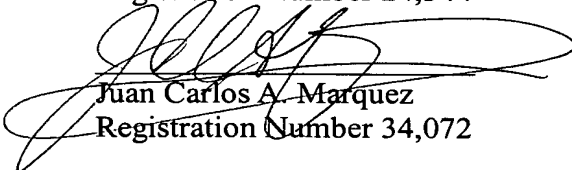
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Invention I: Claim 1-6, drawn to an information reproducing method and Species a: Fig. 1, without traverse. Furthermore, Applicants hereby add new claim 11, drawn to an information reproducing method. Acknowledgement of election of claim 11 in connection with the above-noted election is respectfully requested.

Applicants understand that all the non-elected invention and its corresponding claims 7-10 are hereby withdrawn from further consideration. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on such non-elected invention.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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